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## NOMINATIONS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Glenn A. Fine, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Department of Justice, Dennis M. Cavanaugh, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, and James S. Moody, Jr., Gregory A. Presnell, and John E. Steele, each to be a United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Cavanaugh was introduced by Senators Lautenberg and Torricelli, Mr. Moody, Mr. Presnell, and Mr. Steele, were introduced by Senators Mack and Graham, and Representative McCollum.

## IDENTITY THEFT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Technology, Terrorism, and Government Information concluded hearings on preventing criminals from using technology to prey upon society, focusing on identity theft prevention measures and the implementation of the Identity Theft and Assumption Deterrence Act (Pub. Law 105–318), after receiving testimony from Jodie Bernstein, Director of the Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission; James G. Huse, Jr., Inspector General of Social Security, Social Security Administration; Beth Givens, Privacy Rights Clearinghouse, San Diego, California; Steven M. Emmert, Reed Elsevier, Inc., on behalf of Lexis-Nexis and Individual Reference Services Group, and Stuart K. Pratt, Associated Credit Bureaus, Inc., both of Washington, D.C., and Michelle Brown, Los Angeles, California.

## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for the National Science Foundation, focusing on its role in and contribution to our nation's mathematics, science and engineering research, and math and science education, after receiving testimony from Rita R. Colwell, Director, National Science Foundation; Douglas E. Harris, Vermont Institute for Science, Math, and Technology, Montpelier; Dennis M. Bartels, San Francisco Exploratorium Center for Teaching and Learning, San Francisco, California; Daniel L. Goroff, Harvard University Derek Bok Center for Teaching and Learning, and Charles M. Vest, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, both of Cambridge, Massachusetts; Joseph G. Danek, Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research Foundation, Washington, D.C.; and Steven J. Wallach, Chiaro Networks, Richardson, Texas.

## RISK MANAGEMENT AND TORT LIABILITY

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee concluded oversight hearings on certain reports on the extent and degree of liability insurance Tribal governments have in order to provide compensation for people injured as a result of accidents or torts committed by Tribal employees, after receiving testimony from Barry T. Hill, Associate Director, Energy, Resources, and Science Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, General Accounting Office; Ethan M. Posner, Deputy Associate Attorney General, Department of Justice; Michael J. Anderson, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs; and Michael Willis, Hobbs, Straus, Dean and Walker, Washington, D.C., on behalf of Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 18 public bills, H.R. 4825–4842; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 549, were introduced.

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**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows.

Filed on July 11, H.R. 3886, to combat international money laundering, amended (H. Rept. 106–728);

Report on the Revised Suballocation of Budget Allocations for Fiscal Year 2001 (H. Rept. 106–729);

H. Res. 534, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the recent nuclear weapons security failures at Los Alamos National Laboratory demonstrate that security policy and security procedures within the National Nuclear Security Administration remain inadequate, that the individuals responsible for such policy and procedures must be held accountable for their performance, and that immediate action must be taken to correct security deficiencies (H. Rept. 106–730);

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**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Gutmacht to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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**Journal:** The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of July 11 by a ye and nay vote of 354 yeas to 50 nays with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 386.

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**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules pass the following measures debated on July 11:

**Acquisition of the Baca Ranch with the Valles Caldera:** S. 1892, to authorize the acquisition of the Valles Caldera, to provide for an effective land and wildlife management program for this resource within the Department of Agriculture (passed by a recorded vote of 377 yeas to 45 noes, Roll No. 388)—clearing the measure for the President;

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**Barbara F. Vucanovich Post Office in Reno, NV:** H.R. 4169, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2000 Vassar Street in Reno, Nevada, as the "Barbara F. Vucanovich Post Office Building;" (passed by a recorded vote of 418 yeas to 1 no, Roll No. 389) and

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**Samuel H. Lacy, Sr. Post Office in Baltimore, MD:** H.R. 4447, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 919 West 34th Street in Baltimore, Maryland, as the "Samuel H. Lacy, Sr. Post Office Building" (passed by a recorded vote of 412 yeas with none voting "no", Roll No. 393).

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**Marriage Penalty Tax Elimination Reconciliation Act:** The House passed H.R. 4810, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 103(a)(1) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2001 by a recorded vote of 269 yeas to 159 noes, Roll No. 392.

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Rejected the Rangel motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report it back with an amendment that makes all tax reductions contingent on Medicare prescription drug benefits and no on-budget deficit by a recorded vote of 197 yeas to 230 noes, Roll No. 391.

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Rejected the Rangel amendment in the nature of a substitute that increases the standard deduction for joint returns so that it is equal to twice the standard deduction for single taxpayers; adjusts the alternative minimum tax so that it would not disallow the full benefit of the increase in the standard deduction; increases the income level at which the earned income credit (EIC) begins to phase out and repeals the reduction in the EIC by the amount of the minimum

tax by a recorded vote of 198 yeas to 228 noes, Roll No. 390.

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Agreed to H. Res. 545, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill by a ye and nay vote of 407 yeas to 16 nays, Roll No. 387.

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**Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:** Read a letter from Chairman Shuster wherein he transmitted copies of resolutions approved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure on June 21—referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

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**Send to Conference—DOD Appropriations:** The House disagreed to the Senate amendments to H.R. 4576, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001 and agreed to a conference. Appointed as conferees: Chairman Young of Florida and Representatives Lewis of California, Skeen, Hobson, Bonilla, Nethercutt, Istook, Cunningham, Dickey, Frelinghuysen, Obey, Murtha, Dicks, Sabo, Dixon, Visclosky, and Moran of Virginia.

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Agreed to close portions of the conference when classified information is under consideration by a ye and nay vote of 407 yeas to 7 nays, Roll No. 395.

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**Foreign Operations Appropriations:** The House completed general debate and began considering amendments to H.R. 4811, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001.

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Agreed To:

Sherman amendment that increases funding for disease programs related to HIV/AIDS by \$10 million and decreases funding for the World Bank International Development Association accordingly;

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Amendments Offered and Debated:

Waters amendment No. 27 printed in the Congressional Record that seeks to increase funding for the Heavily Indebted Poor Country (HIPC) Trust Fund by \$155.6 million with offsets of \$82.5 million from Export-Import Bank direct loan programs, \$7 million from Export-Import Bank administrative expenses, \$5.3 million from international military education and training programs, and \$200 million from the foreign military financing programs including grants for Israel and Egypt;

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Lee amendment that seeks to increase funding for child survival and disease programs related to HIV/AIDS by \$42 million and decrease foreign military financing program grants accordingly;

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Point of Order Sustained Against:

Pelosi amendment that sought to increase funding available for the Heavily Indebted Poor Countries

Trust Fund of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development by \$210 million for FY 2000 and \$179.6 million for FY 2001;

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Proviso on pages 11 and 12 dealing with the Microenterprise Initiative;

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Payne amendment that sought to make available \$720 million for the Development Fund for Africa from the amount appropriated for Development Assistance;

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Payne amendment that sought to make available \$500,000 for a grant to the Office of the Facilitator of the National Dialogue for the peace process in the Democratic Republic of the Congo;

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Jackson-Lee amendment that sought to increase funding for peacekeeping operations in Africa by \$10 million and decrease funding for international disaster assistance accordingly;

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Withdrawn:

Burton amendment No. 4 printed in the Congressional Record was offered and withdrawn that sought to increase Colombian National Police funding by \$99.5 million with funding offsets from the Export-Import Bank and Bilateral Economic Assistance programs;

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Brown of Ohio amendment was offered and withdrawn that sought to increase funding for child survival and disease programs related to tuberculosis by \$40 million and decrease the Asian Development Fund accordingly;

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Roemer amendment No. 18 printed in the Congressional Record was offered and withdrawn that sought to increase funding for Microenterprise loans for the poor by \$15 million with offsets from other Bilateral Economic Assistance programs;

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Smith of Michigan amendment was offered and withdrawn that sought to make available \$30 million for plant biotechnology research and development;

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Sanders amendment No. 20 printed in the Congressional Record was offered and withdrawn that sought to increase funding for programs to assist women and children who are victims of international trafficking by \$2.5 million and decrease International Military Education and Training funding accordingly;

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Agreed to H. Res. 546, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill by a yea and nay vote of 225 yeas to 199 nays, Roll No. 394.

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**Order of Business—Foreign Operations Appropriations:** Agreed that no further amendments shall be in order except (1) pro forma amendments offered by the Chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their designees for the purpose of debate; (2) two amendments de-

batable for 60 minutes, either amendment No. 11 or amendment No. 15 printed in the Congressional Record and the Lee amendment regarding the Child Survival and Disease Program; (3) two amendments debatable for 30 minutes, amendment No. 28 printed in the Congressional Record and the Payne amendment regarding Development Assistance;

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(4) Three amendments debatable for 20 minutes, either amendment No. 5 or amendment No. 6 printed in the Congressional Record, Jackson-Lee amendment regarding conscription under the age of 18, and amendment No. 18 printed in the Congressional Record;

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(5) Thirty-three amendments debatable for 10 minutes, Bereuter amendment regarding North Korea; Baker amendment regarding Panama; Smith of Michigan amendment regarding biotechnology research; Brown of Ohio amendment regarding Child Survival and Disease Program fund; Brown of Ohio amendment regarding the Tariff Act; Jackson-Lee of Texas amendment regarding Peacekeeping Operations; Jackson-Lee of Texas amendment regarding Economic Support Fund, Payne amendment regarding Congo; Payne amendment regarding Sanctions against Angola;

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Payne amendment regarding Peacekeeping Operations; Payne amendment regarding Sudan; Payne amendment regarding Restrictions on Assistance to Governments Destabilizing Angola, Menendez amendment regarding Peru; Filner amendment regarding Economic Support Fund; Conyers amendment regarding Section 558; Capuano amendment regarding Armenia-Azerbaijan Peace and Democracy Initiative; Capuano amendment regarding Termination of Unilateral Agricultural or Medical Sanctions; Nadler amendment regarding Honor Crimes; Jackson of Illinois amendment regarding the African Development Bank; Latham amendment regarding International Financial Institution Loans; Kaptur amendment regarding the Ukraine; Sherman amendment regarding Child Survival; and amendments numbered 7, 9, 13, 16, 17, 19, 20, 23, 24, 25, and 26.

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**Meeting Hour—Thursday, July 13:** Agreed that when the House adjourns this legislative day it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. on Thursday, July 13.

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**Amendments:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H5956–59.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Four yea and nay votes and six recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H5851, H5856, H5856–57, H5857–58, H5877, H5879–80,

H5880–81, H5881, H5888–89, and H5923–24. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 1:25 a.m. on Thursday, July 13.

## *Committee Meetings*

### FEDERAL FARM POLICY

*Committee on Agriculture:* Held a hearing to review federal farm policy. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Hearings continue July 19.

### REVISED SUBALLOCATION OF BUDGET ALLOCATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Ordered reported a report on the revised suballocation of budget allocations for fiscal year 2001.

### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BUDGET

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on the District of Columbia held a hearing on Fiscal Year 2001 District of Columbia Budget. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the District of Columbia: Anthony A. Williams, Mayor; and Linda M. Cropp, Chairman, Council; and Alice M. Rivlin, Chairman, D.C. Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority.

### MEDICARE AND MEDICAID—PAYMENT ERRORS

*Committee on the Budget:* Health Task Force held a hearing on Blowing Smoke on the Invisible Man, Measuring Fraud, Payment Errors in Medicare and Medicaid. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the GAO: Gloria L. Jarmon, Director, Civil Audits; and William D. Hamel, Special Agent; Penny Thompson, Director, Program Integrity Group, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; and Robb Miller, Inspector General, Department of Public Aid, State of Illinois.

### DOE'S MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

*Committee on the Budget:* Natural Resources and the Environment Task Force held a hearing on Department of Energy Management Practices. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: Carolyn Huntoon, Assistant Secretary, Environmental Management; and Brig. Gen. Thomas Giocanda, USAF, Acting Deputy Administrator, Defense Programs; and Gary Jones, Associate Director, Energy Resources and Science, GAO.

### COMMODITY FUTURES MODERNIZATION ACT

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials held a hearing on H.R. 4541, Commodity Futures Modernization Act of 2000. Testimony was heard from Arthur Levitt, Chairman, SEC; C. Robert Paul, General Counsel, Commodity Futures Trading Commission; Patrick M. Parkinson, Associate Director, Division of Research and Statistics, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; and Lewis A. Sachs, Assistant Secretary, Financial Markets, Department of the Treasury.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology held a hearing on the following measures: Federal Property Asset Management Reform Act; and H.R. 3285, Federal Asset Management Improvement Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from Representative Sessions; the following officials of the GSA: David Barram, Administrator; and David L. Bibb, Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Governmentwide Policy; Bernie Ungar, Director, Governmentwide Business Operations Issues, GAO; Rear Adm. Ronald F. Silva, USCG, Assistant Commandant, Systems and Chief Engineer, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

### HEPATITIS C: VA HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans' Affairs and International Relations held a hearing on Hepatitis C: Access, Testing and Treatment in the VA Health Care System. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Thomas Holohan, M.D., Chief, Patient Care Services, Veterans Health Administration; Frank Iber, M.D., Gastroenterologist, Hines VA Medical Center; Samuel B. Ho, M.D., Staff Physician, Minneapolis VA Medical Center; and Norbert Brau, M.D., Staff Physician, Bronx VA Medical Center; and public witnesses.

### GLOBAL TERRORISM

*Committee on International Relations:* Held a hearing on Global Terrorism: South Asia-The New Locus. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Michael A. Sheehan, Ambassador-at-Large, Coordinator for Counterterrorism; and Alan W. Eastham, Jr., Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of South Asian Affairs.

### OVERSIGHT—CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION—DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on the Constitution held an oversight hearing on the Civil